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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT PARK'S COMMENTS ON NORTH KOREAN
OBSERVER DELEGATION TO THE UN

DURING A CONVERSATION WITH CONGRESSMAN LESTER WOLFF, PRESIDENT PARK MENTIONED HIS CONCERN THAT NORTH KOREAN OBSERVER DELEGATION IN NEW YORK WOULD ENGAGE IN WIDESPREAD EFFORTS TO SUBVERT THE KOREN COMMUNITY IN THE U.S. AS WELL AS TO MOUNT A MAJOR PROGAGANDA EFFORT DIRECTED TOWARD U.S. PRESS AND PUBLIC OPINION. I INFORMED THE PRESIDENT THAT THE DELEGATION WOULD BE RESTRICTED TO A TWENTY-FIVE MILE RADIUS OF THE NEW YORK AREA, BUT WE COULD NATURALLY EXPECT THAT THEY WOULD SEEK TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS IN AS WIDE A FORUM AS POSSIBLE. THE PRESIDENT SAID HE REALIZED WE COULD NOT KEEP THEM FROM CONTACT WITH THE PUBLIC BUT HE WAS CONCERNED NEVERTHELESS ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES THEY WOULD PURSUE. I TOLD HIM WE WOULD OF COURSE BE KEEPING AN EYE ON NORTH KOREANS AND THAT WE WERE WELL AWARE OF THEIR PROCLIVITIES. IF THEY ENGAGED IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES WE WOULD HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY, BUT OTHERWISE THEY COULD FUNCTION IN THE MANNER NORMAL TO OBSERVER DELEGATIONS.

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